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Pat Tremblay  
Reform Committee clerk  
For Submission to Regulatory Reform Committee

Dear Representatives

I'm writing to express my opposition to HB 4293 as written. I request this opposition be submitted into the Regulatory Reform Committee meeting scheduled for May 5 on HB 4293, in lieu of being in attendance to testify in person.

I have been a wholesaler of 1.4g consumer fireworks in the Mason, Lake, Manistee, Wexford and Oceana counties since 1979. My outlet are about 30 to 40 mom and pop stores in the rural areas of these counties. The way this bill is at present, 95% of these stores would not be able to sell fireworks at a profit. Most of these stores only have fireworks in them from Memorial Weekend to the end of the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Only about a third of these stores keep it all summer.

Last year one of the store owners ask about the bill and I fill them in about the high cost of the permit. He told me he has a takeout beer, wine and liquor license and pays less than \$500.00 for both on item that sell year round. The price of \$1000.00 is to high. The other problem with this is when and if this law passes with this high permit fee, there will be a small chance to have any permits issued to the U.P. since fireworks would be legal in the state the native americans tribes would be able to open up stores on there land and would not have to charge for the permit, sales tax and the user fee. This would also happen in lower Michigan on the tribes areas.

Display fireworks 1.3g should be separate from consumer fireworks. I also hold a license for display fireworks since 1978. By adding display fireworks to this bill will cause a conflict of regulation since 1.3g is regulated by the BATF and others.

Would like to see this bill tabled till after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July season. When more question can be answer.

Andy Webb, will be there today to give testimony. He has work hard on this to get it workable for dealers and retail agents.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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